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SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT, LIBREVILLE, JULY 2-5

1. THE APPROACHING OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE WILL PROVIDE
A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBJECTS BEARING ON US POLICY
IN AFRICA, INCLUDING ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL FORA, AS
WELL AS INTERNAL AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THIS MESSAGE IS IN-
TENDED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR LIBREVILLE IN COVERING
THESE ISSUES AND FOR OTHER OAU POSTS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
HOST GOVERNMENTS. THOUGH NO SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS ARE
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ENVISIONED AT THIS TIME ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO
REPORT IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR CONTACTS, HOST
COUNTRY ATTITUDES ON THE SUBJECTS BELOW. SINCE LIBRE-
VILLE'S RESOURCES WILL BE STRAINED IN COVERING A MEETING
OF THIS SIZE, POSTS SHOULD ALSO ARRANGE TO MEET WITH
RETURNING DELEGATIONS BEFORE MEMORIES DIM OR KEY MEMBERS
DISPERSE TO DISCUSS DYNAMICS OF THE CLOSED SESSIONS OF

THE MEETINGS, INTERPLAY BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL NATIONS AND GROUPS OF NATIONS, AND ISSUES DISCUSSED ONLY IN THE CORRIDORS.

2. AFRICAN ISSUES

A. SOUTHERN AFRICA (FORTHCOMING SC MEETING)

(1) GENERAL

-- DEGREE TO WHICH AFRICANS FEEL US POLICY INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE SINCERE.

-- ANY INDICATION OF AFRICAN WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH US/WESTERN EFFORTS.

(2) RHODESIA

-- ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS; WHAT IS VIEW OF UK-US CONSULTATIVE GROUP EFFORTS?

-- INDICATIONS OF PREFERENCES AMONG NATIONALIST LIBERATION GROUPS/LEADERS? HAS THERE BEEN SLIPPAGE IN SUPPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT?

-- CONCERNS ABOUT RHODESIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

(3) NAMIBIA

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-- ATTITUDE TOWARD EFFORTS OF CONTACT GROUP TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

-- COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE SWAPO PARTICIPATION IN FREE ELECTIONS.

-- PERCEPTION OF IMPORTANCE, OR LACK THEREOF, OF MAPUTO CONFERENCE FOR SOLUTION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE PROBLEMS.

-- VIEWS ON RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING SWAPO PRISONERS HELD IN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA.

(4) SOUTH AFRICA

(A) RECENT WESTERN INITIATIVES

-- MONDALE-VORSTER MEETING

(B) HOST COUNTRY VIEW ON SOUTH AFRICA'S STATUS AS

SOVEREIGN STATE OR MANIFESTATION OF COLONIALISM AS DEBATED AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN LOME.

B. BENIN COMPLAINT ON MERCENARY INVASION

C. INCREASED CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA, E.G. ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA

D. THE HORN: ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, DJIBOUTI

E. POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE OAU FROM ADDIS ABABA

F. PREPARATIONS FOR APARTHEID CONFERENCE

G. ZAIRE-ANGOLA CONFRONTATION

3. OTHER ISSUES

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A. MIDDLE EAST

-- ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL: WHAT IS THE NET BALANCE BETWEEN RENEWED OPENING TO ISRAEL INCLUDING THE APPARENT INTEREST OF SOME IN MEDIATING THE ARAB/ISRAEL CONFLICT, AND CONTINUING OFFENSE AT ISRAEL'S SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION?

-- ANY EVIDENCE OF BACKSLIDING TOWARD CONFORMITY WITH 29TH UNGA RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

-- HOW DO THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT LOOK TO THE AFRICANS NOW?

B. ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

-- REACTIONS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE CIEC

-- POSITIONS OR ATTITUDES EXPRESSED ON DEBT, COMMODITIES, TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY.

4. REQUEST REPORTING ON BENIN'S EFFORTS TO RELOCATE THIS MEETING AND HOST COUNTRY REACTIONS.

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